

Application No. 09/836,691 Amendment dated February 23, 2004 Reply to Office Action of August 14, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-41 are pending in the application; the status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-41 are allowed.

The specification is objected to because of informalities.

Applicant has amended the description of paragraph [0022] to explicitly address the situation where the inquiry of Figure 2, step 260 is "N".

Applicant has amended the description of paragraph [0031] to explicitly address the situation where the inquiry of Figure 3B, step 340 is either "Y" or "N".

Applicant has amended the description of paragraph [0033] to explicitly address the situation where the inquiry of Figure 3B, step 350 is "N".

Applicant has amended the description of paragraph [0040] to explicitly address the situation where the inquiry of Figure 4, step 410 is "N".

Applicant has amended the description of paragraph [0041] to explicitly address the situation where the inquiry of Figure 4, step 445 is "N".

Applicant has amended the description of paragraph [0042] to explicitly address the situation where the inquiry of Figure 4, step 470 is "N".

Applicant has amended the description of paragraph [0053] to explicitly refer to Figures 7, 8, 9A, 9B, 10, 11, 12A, 12B, 13A, 13B and 14.

These amendments are made to explicitly recite in the description subject matter illustrated in the figures. No new matter has been added.

Please note that Information Disclosure Statements, along with a PTO Form 1449, were filed on July 20, 2001 and April 21, 2003; however, we have not received a copy of the PTO Form 1449 initialed by the Examiner even though the Office Action stated that the PTO Form 1449 was attached. Enclosed is a copy of the PTO Form 1449. Receipt of the copy of the Initialed PTO Form 1449 is respectfully requested.



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The indication in the Office Action that the Examiner has objections to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) and § 1.81(c), is noted. The specification has been amended to address the Examiner's objections with respect to the drawings.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

This Amendment does not increase the number of independent claims, does not increase the total number of claims, and does not present any multiple dependency claims. Accordingly, no fee based on the number or type of claims is currently due. However, if a fee, other than the issue fee, is due, please charge this fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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